

found solace in the great outdoors, wood-working and fishing. Mr. Speaker, William's retirement marks the beginning of his opportunity to spend more time with his family and hobbies. His contributions will never be forgotten, as his actions will forever touch the hearts and bodies of his patients. I would like to thank Dr. Shanks for his tireless efforts on behalf of the people of his county, the State of Colorado and the citizens of the United States. At this momentous time in his life, I extend my warm regards to Dr. Shanks and his family and wish them all of the best in the years to come.

HONORING CAPT NORMAND V.
LUSSIER

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the numerous achievements and substantial contribution to our country of United States Naval Reserve Captain Normand V. Lussier, and to wish him well upon his retirement in March 2002. He will have served this country for over forty years.

Captain Lussier graduated from Oroville High School in 1962 and joined the Navy as a Seaman Recruit. After completing boot camp and Storekeeper "A" school at the Naval Training Center San Diego, he was assigned to the submarine tender USS *Nereus*. In September 1964, he volunteered for Vietnam and spent the next eighteen months unloading freighters and supervising a local national work crew in the Port of Saigon. Upon release from active duty in March 1966, he affiliated with the Naval Reserve and was promoted to Storekeeper Second Class. He continued to drill while attending college and law school.

In 1969, he graduated from San Diego State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction in History. In 1972, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law where he served on the Hastings Law Review.

While a Storekeeper First Class in 1971, he received a direct commission as an Ensign (Intelligence). Captain Lussier has since served in a variety of Naval Reserve Intelligence Program assignments. Since October 1999, Captain Lussier has served as Reserve Intelligence Area Commander (RIAC) Area Nineteen with overall responsibility for 13 reserve units and approximately 750 reservists. Prior to his current tour as RIAC, he was the Commanding Officer of ONI 0166. From 1994 to 1997, he was on the national staff of the Commander, Naval Reserve Intelligence Command as the Deputy Senior Inspector. Other tours include service as the DRIAC for Training for the IVTU; as the XO of DIS HQ 0166 and NICSEC 0166, and as the Administration Officer for NICTSKGRPMGT and NIC 0266. He has had two NRCIS tours.

Captain Lussier's entire civilian career as an attorney has been in support of the Department of Defense (DoD). After admission to the California Bar in 1972, he joined the Navy's Office of General Counsel (OGC) as a civilian attorney in the Naval Supply Systems Com-

mand. He completed major field assignments as Counsel, Naval Regional Procurement Office in Naples, Italy and Counsel, Naval Regional Contracting Center in the Washington Navy Yard. In 1985, he was appointed General Counsel, American Forces Information Service. In 1992, he joined the Defense Logistics Agency's Office of General Counsel as an Associate General Counsel.

Captain Lussier's 40-year career of service to the United States stands apart for its caliber of dedication and care. Doing his job has never been enough for Captain Lussier; he has always wanted to do more, and then done it. Helping others along the way is another of his trademarks. Through patient nurturing, training, trust, and teaching, Captain Lussier has steadfastly enabled others who, in turn, help enrich the U.S. Naval Reserve, the U.S. Navy, and the DoD, thereby ensuring its continued performance in the proud tradition of excellence.

Captain Lussier's distinguished career has been celebrated with numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal (two times), Navy Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Award, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the 107th Congress join Captain Lussier's wife Peggy, and his two sons, Damon and Aaron, in honoring Normand V. Lussier as he turns over command of RIA-19 and soon retires from the United States Naval Reserve.

HONORING ETHYL KELHAM

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Ethyl Kelham on being an outstanding teacher. Ethyl has been an inspiration to many and has helped many children throughout the various stages of their academic careers. At the age of 74, Ethyl has decided to retire and we wish her the best of luck.

Ethyl worked in public school system for 25 years and helped support Pueblo Headstart during her time there. When she left the School District, she joined the Montessori Network and opened her own school about 15 years ago. The Pueblo Montessori School began at the Unitarian Fellowship where Byron Kelham, Ethyl's husband, was the minister. Ethyl's school then moved into a rented space and two years ago entered a new building.

Some funding problems hindered the further development of the school and have since caused it to close. However, Ethyl will continue teaching since she will home school her two grandchildren. Touching people's hearts and minds compelled Ethyl to continue teaching and sparked the light of learning in many students. She has watched many children flourish intellectually and follow their dreams. Ethyl Kelham is retiring to spend more time with her family—time well deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Ethyl for her hard work and dedication to the teaching profession. Her

formidable efforts deserve the praise and admiration of us all. I would like to thank her for her many years of service and congratulate her on her retirement.

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HON. JOE SCARBOROUGH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

Mr. SCARBOROUGH. Mr. Speaker, some come to Washington with optimism, hope, and great expectations. Some of these same people leave Congress with pessimism, dismay, and a weaker spirit.

I am not such a person.

Tomorrow, I will be leaving public service after seven years in the United States Congress to return to my home in Northwest Florida.

In the coming months and years, I will certainly miss the rewards of working beside ordinary Americans called to serve in this House during extraordinary times. But as I leave, I believe like Ronald Reagan, that "America's greatest days lie ahead. And I see great days ahead for men and women of will and vision."

And let me tell you why I leave Congress full of hope for our great country and its people. During the last 7 years, the Congress has eliminated the budget deficit, it has reformed the Great Society Programs of the 1960's, including, of course, our nation's outdated welfare system, and, most importantly, it has restored the faith of people in their government.

The Conservative revolution of 1994, the government shutdown, the budget battles with President Clinton, the military excursions into the Balkans, the Impeachment proceedings, and the turbulent election challenge of 2000 have all weighed heavily upon our Republic. But while any one of these political events could have been the cause for political bloodshed in distant capitals, in America, each challenge was faced by Congress and the public with understanding and maturity.

That is not to say that each crisis did not cause emotions to spill onto this floor. But at the end of each political chapter, Americans absorbed the trying events and moved forward.

Despite the self-interested cries from special interest groups and leaders of both parties, a Republican Congress worked with a Democratic President to balance the budget, to reform welfare, to stop the raiding of America's social security trust fund and to pass a military health care bill that goes a long way toward keeping the promise made to America's servicemen and their families. And while I was disappointed by President Clinton's attempts to derail most of the legislation we ultimately passed, I recognize that the American people elected him to the presidency to be more than a rubber stamp for a Republican Congress.

I am proudest of my band of brothers and sisters who were elected together in 1994, fought the president in 1995 and 1996, and then faced down our own party leaders who sought a speedy retreat from the core principles that brought us to the majority in 1994.

Together we stood shoulder to shoulder, faced down powerful forces, and made a difference in Congress.

More importantly than balancing the budget, reforming welfare or changing the culture of